

Amendments to the Claims:

1 – 5. Cancelled.

6. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

7. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

8. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 7, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

9. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 8, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

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14. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

15. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

16. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said film coating layer has two or more different colors.

17. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors.

18. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a logo.

19. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

20. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises letters.

21 – 30. Cancelled.

31. (Previously Presented) A solid preparation coated with a continuous film, prepared by the process of
coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,

exposing a first part of the coating layer to a first amount of radiation and exposing a second part of the coating layer to a second amount of radiation under conditions sufficient to result in the first and second parts of the coating layer having different coloration.

32. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein at least a portion of said film coating layer is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

33. (Previously Presented) A solid preparation coated with a continuous film, prepared by the process of

coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,

changing the coloration of one or more parts of the coating layer by irradiating those parts of the coating layer to the exclusion of the remainder of the coating.

34. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

35. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

36. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 35, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

37. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 36, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

38. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

39. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

40. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

41. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

42. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

43. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said film coating layer has two or more different colors.

44. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors.

45. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises a logo.

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46. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

47. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises letters.